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Compensation Matters Under Study By DoD

The Defense Department's Compensation and Retirement Study Group, headed by RAdm Lester E. Hubbell, USN, hopes to have the first of three phases of an in-depth report completed by July 31.

Two primary objectives of utmost concern to the group, composed of six task groups, are: (1) to attract and hold the kinds and numbers of men our armed forces need; and (2) to do this in a manner which will provide a fair and equitable relationship between military and civilian compensation.

The study group is looking at all aspects of pay, allowances, retention and retirement.

"We hope to establish a total compensation rationale which supports good management," Adm. Hubbell said, "by being attractive to the individuals the services need."

In studying retention, the group is taking a close look at a retirement "option" system that would benefit the individual and the services.

Adm. Hubbell pointed out the group hopes to develop recommendations on "save pay" provisions and phase in procedures which "insure that the government did not break faith with people it had attracted into the force under existing compensation practices."

A final report for review by DOD manpower officials is expected by the end of this year.

No Evidence of Chinese Communist Aircraft During Recent Encounters

There is no evidence that Communist Chinese aircraft or aircraft operating from Communist Chinese bases have been involved in recent attacks against U. S. aircraft over North Vietnam, said a Defense Department spokesman.

Although there has been some increase in number of North Vietnamese interceptor aircraft over the past several months, the official said U. S. aircraft have been successful in meeting this action.

U. S. officials placed the number of MIG-21s in North Vietnam at approximately 15. The older models, MIG-17s and 19s, number 50-55.

The spokesman emphasized there has been no change in the types of target being hit in North Vietnam or in the areas in which U. S. aircraft are operating.

NEW EMPLOYER?—The Air Force major meeting with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey has one chance in 16 of working for the Vice President. He is Maj. John Pustay, Air Force Academy Assistant Dean and Associate Professor of Political Science, who is one of 16 outstanding young men selected for the White House Fellows Program.

DoD Supports 3.2 Pay Raise Voted By House Committee

The 3.2 percent pay increase for uniformed services personnel approved unanimously by the House Armed Services Committee has received support of DOD manpower officials.

The proposed increase would be effective July 1.

Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, (D.-S.C.), said the Executive Branch will not oppose the pay hike and agrees such an "increase in pay . . . would be comparable to that recently recommended for civilian employees."

The legislation authorizing the increase is incorporated in a procurement authorization bill now under consideration by the committee.

National Guard, Reserve Call Unlikely

U. S. officials have reaffirmed there is no intention of calling up National Guard or Reserve forces at this time.

There is no need for such a call up, it was explained, since the active force is adequate to meet worldwide commitments.

Officials did not preclude the possibility of a future call up, however, should the current situation change.

Washington Memos

ENOUGH COMBAT BOOTS were purchased during FY65 by the Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia, to provide a pair to every American soldier who fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War and on the Union side during the Civil War.

LARGEST TRACKING AND telemetry antenna in the United States deep space network—210 ft.—was officially dedicated at Goldstone, Calif., April 29. Newest addition to U.S. tracking facilities, located in the Mojave Desert will be able to follow future spacecraft out to the planet Pluto at the edge of the solar system. Expected to be in operation this summer, the Goldstone "210" is the largest antenna specifically designed for NASA's space projects.

FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S aircraft, Columbine III, a VC-121E Super Constellation has arrived at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, for retirement in the Air Force Museum. Named after the flower of Mrs. Eisenhower's home state of Colorado, Columbine III has been used by the Air Force since 1954.

PLANNED INVENTORY PURCHASE of SPS-48, modern 3-D surveillance and acquisition radar, reveals its high capability over WWII technology. It would take 40 of the best WWII radars distributed geographically over coverage area to barely match performance of one SPS-48.

U.S. COAST GUARD has awarded a contract for construction of a shop building, buoy shed and wharf for its new Light Attendant Station, Saugerties, N.Y. New station will service 141 aids to navigation on 60 miles of Hudson River from Hyde Park, to Waterford, N.Y. It will be in operation by October 1966.

SELF-CONTAINED HOISTING units inside six wing pylons of Navy's new A-7A Corsair II light attack aircraft can load bombs and rockets swiftly and easily. Aircraft is first to be equipped with such a weapon loading system. Corsair II can carry 15,000 pounds (its own weight) of bombs, rockets, napalm tanks and mines.

COLLEGE LEVEL CLASSES under the University of Maryland Resident Program are available for the first time to members of U.S. armed forces stationed in Thailand. Presently, 25 students, personnel from 9th Logistical Command and U.S. Air Force stationed in Korat, are attending the freshman-sophomore level course.

NAVY'S GUIDED MISSILE cruiser USS Canberra became first Navy ship to make operational use of satellite communication relay in April. Circuit established between Canberra and Navy's Communication Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, using SYNCOM III satellite, culminated over a year of tests and experiments aboard the ship.

GRADUATE ENGINEERS MAY come on active Army duty in grade of captain under a new program. Appointees will be called to active duty with Corps of Engineers or Signal Corps for two years. Further information and assistance is available at Army Recruiting Stations and Army Reserve Training Centers.

FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT agreement between Army and Air Force increases Air Force role in cargo delivery while freeing Army helicopters for increased battlefield use. Tonnage carried by Army aircraft in recent months within RVN averaged more than 30,000 short tons of passengers and cargo per month.

BATTLE FLIGHTS TESTIFY to helicopter durability. Figures released by Army CofS Gen. Harold K. Johnson reveal that helicopters flying combat missions will be hit by ground fire once in every 400 sorties, knocked down by ground fire once in about 8,000 sorties, and lost to ground fire once in 16,000 sorties. One out of every two shot down are recovered.

U. S. NAVAL MOBILE Construction Battalion 7 is now deployed in Hue Phu Bai, RVN. Battalion, flown from homeport in Davisville, R.I., will build facilities for U.S. military in the RVN and work with units taking part in Civic Action Program. Members of the battalion were given guerilla warfare training by Army and intensive military training by Marine Corps before departure from U.S.

CAPT. LOYAL L. KELSEY, USAF, an Airlift Command Post Controller at Kadena AB, Okinawa, was named "ACP Controller of the Year" by members of Naval Air Transport Wing, Pacific. He was cited by Navy for professional skill and knowledge which "greatly contributed to the mission accomplishment of crews and aircraft" of the wing.

"SAVINGS BONDS PROVIDE a channel by which we noncombatants, safe in our homes, certain of a roof over our heads and three good meals a day, can express our support and solidarity for the men who are risking death and disease," Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien told all Federal employees when announcing 25th Anniversary Savings Bonds Campaign for Federal Employees. Campaign covers entire month of May.

CURRENT PURCHASES OF insect screening wire by the Defense Industrial Supply Center, Philadelphia, would reach from Saigon to Hanoi, a distance of more than 750 miles, if unrolled and laid end to end.

BRIG. GEN. FRANK E. Garretson, Marine Liaison Officer to Chief of Naval Operations, has been named Marine Corps Director of Information. He replaces Col. Paul M. Moriarty, interim Director since detachment of Brig. Gen. A. H. Adams. Col. Moriarty will remain as deputy to Gen. Garretson.

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Armed Forces Newspapers, Radio, TV Awards Presented

The American Heritage Foundation has presented awards to the five top winners of the 1965 contest for armed forces newspapers and radio and television stations at Williamsburg, Va.

Winners were: The Globe, Camp Lejeune, N.C. (Newspaper—Marine Corps); Radio Vagabond, American Forces Korea Network, Seoul, Korea (Army); Armed Forces Television Station, Spangdahlem, Germany (Air Force); Combined Radio-Television Station, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal (Air Force); Office of Information, XVIII Airborne Corps, Ft. Bragg, N.C. (Special Award-Army).

The Foundation offers awards for best efforts to inform military personnel of the values of American heritage and the threat of communist aggression.

Each service judged its own entries and submitted the winners for inter-service competition. Newsweek Magazine, co-sponsor of the contest, judged the entries.

Lightweight Chaplain's Kit Undergoing Army Tests

Army is testing a proposed new, lightweight, compact, easily portable chaplain's kit for use of both Protestant and Catholic Chaplains. U. S. Army Tropic Test Center, Ft. Clayton, Canal Zone, expects to complete tropical phase of test soon.

Original engineering tests were performed by U. S. Army General Equipment Test Activity, Ft. Lee, Va., before items were sent to both Arctic Test Center in Alaska and the Canal Zone for environmental portion of tests.

AF to Save $2.6 Million With Computer System

Installation of an electronic computer in SAGE Combat Center, Hamilton AFB, Calif., by Electronics Systems Division's 416M System Program Office will result in a $2.6 million savings in USAF manpower and operating costs.

Savings will be realized by deactivating SAGE Direction Center, Reno, Nev., and replacing its older tube-type computer with a new, solid-state model at Hamilton. Prior to closing Reno Direction Center, part of its SAGE computer was used to process radar information which was transmistted to SAGE displays at Hamilton's Combat Center.

The $2.6 million figure represents a savings based on annual operating costs required to maintain military manpower spaces and contractor support at Reno's computer.

WELL DONE!—Cmdr. Harry J. Post (left) gets a "well done" from Capt. J. C. Donaldson, CO, USS Hancock. The commander made his 600th arrested carrier landing aboard the Seventh Fleet warship in an F8-C "Crusader" jet fighter.

Lease Authority Extension Asked for Family Housing

Department of Defense is seeking to expand family housing leasing authority from 7,000 to 13,075 units with the additional units for areas where new construction was tentatively planned for FY67.

John J. Reed, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Family Housing) told Senate Committee members the lease locations have no direct relationship to the FY66 construction program, which has been temporarily deferred.

Defense, he said, considers it essential to proceed with the extra leasing program to meet more pressing housing problems and to assist those who might not otherwise obtain adequate housing.

DOD has also requested authority to extend construction authorization for units approved in the FY66 program to Oct. 1, 1968.

VC Expected to Take Advantage Of Approaching Monsoon Season

North Vietnam's monsoon offensive against South Vietnam is expected to be launched initially against outposts along the Laoitian and Cambodian frontiers.

This was disclosed by U. S. officials, who said the first attacks would probably take advantage of bad weather hampering U. S. and RVN air support operations.

Officials said stepped-up activity can be expected throughout RVN, but would not speculate on particular areas or activities.

The estimated enemy strength in RVN is 23 regiments confirmed, and two unconfirmed.

AF to Get Weather Radars in SE Asia

Powerful new long-range weather radars will soon give USAF forecasters in Southeast Asia an instant look into the skies almost 15 miles high and more than 200 miles away.

New storm detection radars are being procured by Systems Command's Electronic Systems Division, L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass. They are expected to be operational this fall.

Advance knowledge of rainfall and other weather phenomena obtained by this modern radar and electronic readout equipment will assist military commanders in decision-making situations.

New Fund Authorization Requested for Agencies

Defense has asked Congress for new authorization of $5.9 million to meet Defense Agency construction needs in FY67.

The Defense Atomic Support Agency would receive $3.6 million with Defense Supply Agency and the National Security Agency each earmarked for $1 million. Defense Communications Agency portion is $.3 million.

The proposed military construction is in General Support category and was presented to Senate committee members by Edward J. Sheridan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Properties and Installations).

CHECKS IN—Maj. Gen. Robert H. Schellman signifies his assuming command of the 3d Infantry Division by signing the guest book at Seventh Army Hqs. Command Bldg. Witnessing the signing is Lt. Gen. T. J. Conway, Seventh Army Commander.

Certain Housing Filled At Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Housing for dependents of servicemen serving overseas is no longer available at Ft. Lewis, Wash., the Family Housing Officer, U.S. Continental Army Command, Ft. Monroe, Va., has announced.

Housing units are still available, however, at St. Louis, Mo., Support Center; U.S. Army Support Detachment, Oakdale, Pa.; and Ft. Riley, Kan. Two, three and four bedroom units are available at Schilling AFB, Kan.

Increased Operation Seen at Pt. Mugu

Navy's Pacific Missile Range (PMR), Pt. Mugu, Calif., expects a steady increase in the number of operations conducted during next two months, according to Development and Operations director there.

Many military and aerospace observers had predicted a slump for PMR when Air Force Western Test Range became lead range on West Coast ballistic and space shots.

During 1965, monthly work loads ranged from 578 to more than 1,270 operations. By the end of 1966 totals should average more than 1,300 operations, based on PMR records of completed and scrubbed operations.

Army Advises Troops About Foreign Medal

Army has advised its personnel that DOD's directive concerning foreign awards does not authorize retention of RVN's Medal of Honor, 1st or 2nd Class.

Retention provisions concern only awards which RVN may also confer on their own forces. Since the RVN Medal of Honor is conferred only on non-RVN forces it is outside the purview of DOD's directive.

Such decorations currently held in DA will not be returned to individuals concerned. Additionally, those holding such decorations should return them to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-AC.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RAdm. John N. Shaffer, USN, transferred from ComCruDesFlot 2 to ComMineLant. **Maj. Gen. Arthur W. Oberbeck, USA,** named Commander Joint Task Force Eight, DASA, succeeding **Maj. Gen. John D. Stevenson, USAF,** effective July 1. **Brig. Gen. Kenneth F. Dawalt, USA,** Deputy Director for Operations and Administration of DASA, to be reassigned June 1 as Deputy Chief of Research and Development for International Programs, Office of the Chief of Research and Development, USA. **Maj. Gen. L. B. Robertshaw, USMC,** Deputy CofS, Air HQMC, to succeed **Maj. Gen. K. B. McCutcheon, USMC,** as CG, 1st MAW; Gen. McCutcheon to HQMC for further assignment.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Hyster Co., Portland, Ore., $1,890,800 fixed-price contract for 200 15,000 pound gasoline fork lift trucks. **(DSA)**

Lockheed Acft. Corp., Jamaica, N.Y.: $1,540,000 initial increment to a $2,200,000 contract for modification of C-121 aircraft. **(Air Force)**

Sperry Rand Corp., Phoenix, Ariz.: $1,432,275 fixed-price letter contract for gyro magnetic compass sets with ancillary items. **(Army)**

Continental Electronic Mfg. Co., Dallas, Tex.: $837,224 increment (first year) to a $1,753,479 multi-year, fixed-price contract for AN/FRT72 radio transmitters. **(Navy)**

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